

## CLAIMS

We claim:

- 1           1. A wastepaper basketball basket, comprising:  
2           an upright barrier including front and rear sides, the front  
3 side having a pocket defined therein;  
4           a cylindrical container having a peripheral wall extending  
5 between an open end and a closed end, the open end having a rim  
6 positioned about its periphery;  
7           an arm extending from the rim, the arm having a horizontal  
8 portion extending radially outward from the rim for spacing said  
9 cylindrical container apart from said barrier, and an angled  
10 portion detachably inserted in said pocket; and  
11           means for detachably mounting the wastepaper basketball  
12 basket upon a vertical support surface;  
13           wherein wastepaper is directed through said open end both  
14 directly and upon rebound from said barrier.

- 1           2. The wastepaper basketball basket according to claim 1,  
2 wherein said means for detachably mounting the wastepaper  
3 basketball basket upon a vertical support surface comprises at  
4 least one hook attached to the rear side of said barrier.

- 1           3. The wastepaper basketball basket according to claim 1,  
2 wherein the closed end of said container is defined by a fixed  
3 bottom portion fixedly attached to the peripheral wall.

1        4. The wastepaper basketball basket according to claim 1,  
2 further comprising:

3        a peripheral ledge disposed about a lower edge of the  
4 peripheral wall of said container; and

5        a detachable bottom removably positioned on said  
6 peripheral ledge and defining the closed end.

1        5. The wastepaper basketball basket according to claim 4,  
2 wherein said detachable bottom further includes a plurality of  
3 tabs positioned about its periphery.

1        6. The wastepaper basketball basket according to claim 1,  
2 wherein said arm, said cylindrical container, and said barrier are  
3 made from a thermoplastic material.

1        7. The wastepaper basketball basket according to claim 1,  
2 wherein said arm, said cylindrical container, and said barrier are  
3 made from fiberglass.

1        8. The wastepaper basketball basket according to claim 1,  
2 wherein said cylindrical container and said barrier are shaped to  
3 resemble a basketball net and backboard respectively.

1        9. The wastepaper basketball basket according to claim 1,  
2 wherein said cylindrical container has apertures defined therein  
3 in order to simulate the appearance of a basketball net.